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Responsive to the Office Communication dated **August 29, 2003**, Applicants elect for further prosecution claims 1-23. While the Office Communication is premised on Applicants being "not fully responsive" to the prior Office Action, Applicants note that the Election Requirement has now changed.

Furthermore, Applicants are required to elect a patentably distinct species if claims 1-23 are elected. Thus, Applicants elect Species I (Fig. 2a) for further prosecution. The claims which correspond to Species I are claims 1-21.

This election is made with traverse.

The Election Requirement is respectfully traversed because of errors in the Election Requirement. Figs. 11 and 12 are modifications of Fig. 2a and are based

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on the same technical philosophy of concentrating generated heat into a small area.
There is no separate search required for Figs. 11 and 12.

In addition, the Election Requirement is respectfully traversed because the application currently includes a generic claim. Specifically, claim 1 is generic.

For the reasons set forth above, withdrawal of the Election Requirement is respectfully requested.

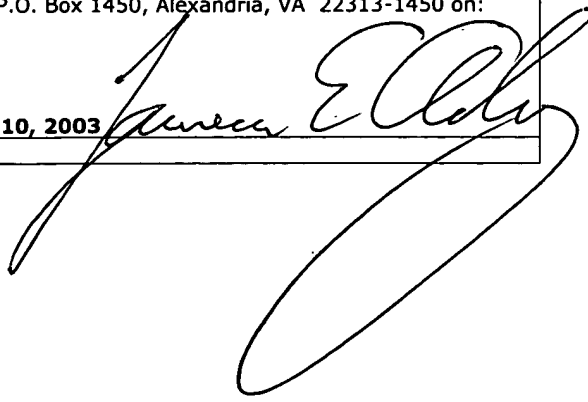
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